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ST. ELEANOR CHURCH

April 30, 2017



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OFFICE STAFF

Mrs. Susan Gordon
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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening Vigil: 4:30 PM
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM,
12:00 Noon and 7:00 PM

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday to Friday: 6:30 AM
Monday to Saturday: 9:00 AM

PERPETUAL ADORATION

In Our Lady Chapel (except 9AM
Saturday through 2 PM Sunday)

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday: 8:00 to 8:45 AM
3:30 to 4:15 PM
By appointment anytime.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS: Scheduled most Sundays at 1:00 PM. Please make arrangements in advance with one of the priests. First-time parents attend Pre-Jordan, a Baptismal Preparation meeting usually held on the first Sunday of the month at 2PM in Vianney Hall. See page 2 for the next date.

MARRIAGES: Arrangements must be made with one of the priests or deacons at least six months before the desired wedding date. Couples attend the Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation Program (also held here at St. Eleanor).

ANointing OF THE SICK: For anyone needing the Anointing of the Sick, call the Parish Office or see a priest after Mass.

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS: Communion is brought to the sick in their homes. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

PARISH REGISTRATION: New to the parish? Please call for an appointment with one of the priests.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Thursday: 8 AM to 7 PM
Friday: 8 AM to 5 PM
Saturday: 9 AM to 1 PM

EDUCATION

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults): For adults interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith or adults in need of Confirmation. Meetings are held during the school year. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

HOLY CROSS REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL: Serves the families of Saint Eleanor and Sacred Heart Parish, Royersford. Christ-centered teaching and strong academic emphasis for Pre-K through Grade 8. Mrs. Theresa Healy, Principal. 610-489-9434 ext. 2225

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION .PREP: After-school religious instruction for children in grades K thru 6. Classes held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Contact Ms. Teri Lahey, Director of Religious Education at 610-489-4677 ext. 31. **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Offered to the younger children in the parish during the Liturgy of the Word at the 9AM Mass on Sundays. **G.I.F.T.:** Junior High Program is held on select Sundays. Contact Mr. Matt Kirsch at 610-489-1647 ext. 15.

PASTORAL COUNCIL: Composed of elected and appointed members who advise the Pastor concerning the pastoral circumstances and needs of the parish and parishioners.

FINANCE COUNCIL: Meets five to six times a year to advise the pastor on financial and administrative matters of the parish.



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 30, 2017

MASS INTENTIONS

4:30	Saturday, April 29 Peter Melle, Jr.
7:30	Sunday, April 30 Mary Margaret Anzalone
9:00	Mary Hill
10:30	Dolores J. Hillanbrand
12:00 PM	For the People of the Parish
7:00 PM	Phyllis Salamon-Heffron
	Monday, May 1 <i>Saint Joseph the Worker</i>
6:30	Anthony R. Capaldi
9:00	Mary Hill
	Tuesday, May 2 <i>Saint Athanasius</i>
6:30	Jane Baron
9:00	Michael Hudak
	Wednesday, May 3 <i>Saints Philip and James</i>
6:30	Jerry Giovinco
9:00	Margaret Petaccio
	Thursday, May 4
6:30	Diane D. Smart
9:00	Jeff Milligan
	Friday, May 5
6:30	Maryann Tufillaro
9:00	Jane Baron
	Saturday, May 6
9:00	Kathleen M. Heil (3 rd Anniv.)
4:30	Mary Maieron (17 th Anniv.)

Baptisms

Congratulations and prayers from our Saint Eleanor Family to the parents, godparents, and families of the newly baptized incorporated into the Body of Christ:

~ *Austin Henry, son of Chase and Megan Classen*
~ *Brighton Rose, daughter of Michael and Lisa Sherman*



Our next Pre-Jordan Program will be held on Sunday, May 7, at 2 PM in Vianney Hall (lower level of the Parish Center and Offices*). First-time parents need to attend and may attend this program before the birth of your child.

Baptismal paperwork is due in the Parish Office two weeks prior to the Baptism. * previously known as the rectory

Rose for Life

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To reserve a Rose for Life, please call Donna Kolb at 610-948-3955.



Rose of Resurrection in Memory of:

~ *David Wallace on his birthday, given by wife, Theresa Wallace.*



For a Rose of Resurrection to remember those who have passed away, call Paula Pezzano at 610-489-0533. Please request roses at least one month before the rose is to be placed on the altar.

Prayer Wheel for Priests and Deacons

For the month of **May** we will be praying for **Monsignor Thomas Murray** and all his intentions. If you would like to be a part of the Prayer Wheel for Priests and Deacons, please call Betty Rowlands at 610-489-3742.





Dear Friends,

The celebration of Easter and the Lord's Resurrection is the time when our Church celebrates the Sacraments of Initiation for those becoming new Catholics. We were blessed as a parish family to welcome and celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist for four now new members of our Catholic Church. They are *Anne Purdy, Shanna Vitullo, Kevin Mraz, and Marc Chevrier*. Some of you may remember the celebrations during Lent on three separate Sundays when we offered special prayers for them as they were in the final preparations to receive these Sacramental graces. Now, we welcome them and prayerfully congratulate them as our newest members in the Catholic Faith.

They, along with three other members of our parish family who prepared for the Sacrament of Confirmation conferred by Bishop Deliman, participated in our weekly **RCIA Program** over the past year since October 2016. Through prayer, video teachings, discussion groups and faith sharing with our RCIA team including fellow parishioners, our deacons, seminarian and priests, the mystery of faith was explored and the teachings of the Lord studied. Everyone grew in grace and blessings through this open and honest exploration of God's goodness and mercy. *My heartfelt gratitude to the team and to all the participants in this journey of faith!*

We look forward to their participation in our parish life and to sharing with them the joys of discipleship. Be sure to express a warm welcome when you see them. Those interested in becoming Catholic or adult Catholics in need of Sacraments are invited to contact our parish office to find out more information about the opportunities available to assist you in discovering all that God does for us. An informational evening is in the works to provide an opportunity to come and check things out. Look for more details soon.

We are anticipating with great joy the celebrations of **First Holy Communion** on Saturday, May 6. What a beautiful moment in the lives of our young parishioners, for their families, for our parish family. The Eucharist is the Sacrament of Sacraments. Jesus is truly, really, fully present to us in Holy Communion. The bread and wine are changed substantively into Himself, into His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. It is no longer bread and wine but Jesus Christ Himself. Yet He humbly presents Himself this way so we will not withdraw from Him out of fear but come to Him confidently and with trust. Without Him, we can do nothing; with and through Him all things are possible.

May we grow ever more deeply in faith, hope and love as we worship and adore Jesus in the Eucharist, as we are fed and strengthened by His Body and Blood in Communion.

God bless you, God love you,
Monsignor McCulken



St. Eleanor Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration- in Our Lady Chapel

"Jesus has made Himself the Bread of Life to give us life. Night and day, He is there. If you really want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist, come back to that Adoration."

– St Teresa of Calcutta

Monday 1 AM
Tuesday 12 AM
Tuesday 5 PM
Thursday 10 AM
Friday 12 AM
Friday 8 AM

Please contact Erin Finkelmeier at
efinkelmeier@gmail.com for more information or to
commit to an hour.

The Divine Mercy theme for the month of May is "Misery-Mercy." Knowledge of our misery and nothingness leads us to trust in God's mercy with greater assurance, and allows us to know His mercy more deeply.



St. Faustina writes: "I keep one eye on my misery and the other on God's mercy; the greater the misery, the greater the trust in His mercy: I do not fear because of His mercy".

If you would like to know more about St. Faustina and the message of Divine Mercy, please join us for the Divine Mercy Chaplet every Thursday at 7:00 P.M. in Our Lady's Chapel. For more information, please call Mary Ann McDonnell at 610-409-2622.

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FORMED is here! Formed offers free downloadable books, Bible studies, videos and movies with a Catholic focus. Log on at www.formed.org and sign up using your e-mail address and the Parish Code: HJEEM3

The Day the Sun Danced **The True Story of Fatima**

Did you know there are movies and audios for children on FORMED? *The Day the Sun Danced* is the inspiring true story of Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta, whose great faith and courage brought the message of Our Lady of Fatima to the entire world. Watch with your children to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Mary's appearance at Fatima.



FOR OUR DECEASED: Elizabeth Ashenfelder, mother of Eric; Evelyn Goldberg, aunt of Joan Pavone;

FOR OUR SICK: Catherine Alexander, Ann Marie Allen, Nathan Allen, Joseph Art, Jr., Kathleen Bani, Lori Bani, Lisa Caruso, Christine Barrett, Kaitlyn Barrett, Kathleen Beaudoin, Rachel Beck, Michael Bell, Deacon Manny Beltran, Jackie Bielski, Arthur Buben, Diane Burg, Florence Burkett, Sandy Burns, Marcia Capaldi, Rosemary Carney, Anne Cartenuto, Marc Chevrier, Monica Cipriani, Doris Coffey, Gerald Collins, Ed Coyle, Mike Creeden, Kathy Cronin, Marie Cunningham, Sheila Davis, Denise DeCaro, Todd DeMent, Mary Derivan, Vince DiDonato, Ron DiNicola, Pat DiPiano, Christopher Dorman, Betty Dougherty, Linda Dougherty, John Doyle, Claire Esposito, Vito Fabiano, Dorothy Fairbanks, Mary Filippini, John Fitzgerald, Neil Florio, Sandy Forcine, John Fritz, Stephanie George, Mary Ann Gibbie, Jessica Gladwin, Charlie Gordon, Kristen Gramazio, Shari Richardson Gray, Elizabeth Groff, Helen Guarnaccia, Joan Hallman, Helen Hart, Virginia Heinz, Bobby Henzler, Tammy Hockenbrock, Ray Kelley, Joanne Kennedy, Nettie Krall, Eva Kramer, , Marilyn Kretzu, Al Lamar, Bud Leo, Linda LeNoir, Ann Lentz, Nate Lentz, Stephen Lewis, Carol Logue, Steve Love, Marion Lukens, Joe Lutz, Tom Lytle, Joan Mahoney, Julia Mahoney, Mary Mahoney, Marie and Sarah, Marianne Marcello, Barbara Marosky, Elaine Maxcy, Agnes McCarver, Ed McDade, Jaime McNutt, Doreen Keckley Meader, Allison Leo Mitchell, Francesca Moran, Fr. Tom Morris, Charles Mruskovic, Jr., Gene Mullin, Gabe Muscella, Bob Newton, Marion Niedzolkowski, Maria Olszewski, Pat O'Rourke, Ed Osisek, Ed Pressler, Carol Ann Price, Faith R., Joseph Reeves, Kathleen Riggs, Dennis Ritchie, Dick Robbins, Megan Roth, Betty Rowlands, Jack Russo, Ralph Russo, Linda Sauer, Paul Schneider, Mary Pat Seiss, Anne Marie Stoudt, Yoshiko Strohlein, Brian Sullivan, Howard Taormino, Ron Tautkus, Michael Troemel, Barbara Tulio, Mary Tybeski, Cristina Utti, Dominic Vacanti, Jr., George Vermuth, Billy Watts, Nancy Wenrich, Pat Willits, Albrette Zvarik

FOR OUR LITTLE ONES: Elizabeth DePaul, Brandon Gallagher, Baby Corey Gramazio, Maggie Lutz, Baby Nicholas Manzi, Kiera McMahon, Baby Zachary Sinnk, Philomena Stando, Isaiah Thoxton, Baby Dell Tolas, Justin Wichner

When your loved one recovers, please notify the Parish Office so we can offer a prayer of thanks!

CONGRATULATIONS

ARCHBISHOP CARROLL HIGH SCHOOL

Second Honors

Matthew Zielinski

POPE JOHN PAUL II HIGH SCHOOL

First Honors Zachary Aukers, Richard Casey, Myah Cordrey, Katelyn Dean, Ryan DiLeva, Matthew Grimm, Andrew John, Jenna Lucki, Kristen Mahoney, Nicholas Mead, Sophia Petrille, James Rauh, Patrick Wiegand, Valerie Beatty, Molly Green, Caitlin Lewis, Abdreu Tuffillaro, Faith Collilouri, Elana Figliuolo, Madisan Green, Benjamin Grimm, Vincent Hines, Claire Hoban, Corine Lontoc, Sydney Lucente, Kevin Lynn, Molly Moore, Madeline Mulcahey, Jack Phillips, John Schiele, Sarah Abruzzo, Hannah Aukers, Jessica D'Ambrosio, Lauren Keefe, Owen Ley, Nina Mariano, Arianna McGrory, Julia Patterson, Lauren Saladino-Tang, Kathleen Schiele
Second Honors Dylan Burke, Alyssa Cianciulli, Anna DeBald, Megan Donny, Julian Green, Clare Heller, Gaspare Interrante, Ryan Lynn, Paul Malikkal, Jake Maya, Shannon Mullen, Alana Pergine, Brianna Puleo, Lucy Tarpinian, Emily Abruzzo, Nicole Bowen, Joana Cainglet, Joseph Catalano, Avery Cotter, Cameron Gonteski, Cameron Keefe, Aidan McCarthy, Ashley Remington, Jacob Snyder, Serena Spotts, Ryan Thompson, Nicole Cicippio, Nora Hinke, Jacob Levine, Ryan O'Neill, Kristin Weckerly, Alexander Williams, Mark Bowen, Dealney Cordrey, Erin Fox, Colin Fuges, Matthew John, Ashlyn Lewis, Evan Rogosky, Kathryn Teles, Sarah Ward



New Members

Gaetano and Katherine Chetta	Paul and Judy Fleming
Dustin and Michelle LaVigne	Gary and Rose Curtiss
Gregory and Kerri Fitzsimmons	Brian and Desiree Kennedy
Francisco and Jennifer Fernandez	Kathryn Bangert
Joseph and Michelle Kelly	Robert and Megan Riefer
Matthew and Katherine Cooney	J. Philip and Mary Altomare
Jason and Lauren Douglas	Lawrence Robinson
Christopher and Amy Schultz	Ian and Laura MacNeill



St Eleanor Playgroup

We invite all parents, grandparents and caregivers to join us with your children to play, pray, have fun and learn about Jesus. We meet on Wednesday mornings from 9-11 AM in Vianney Hall. Each week we share fun songs and prayers and do a simple craft. Please join us with your infants, toddlers or preschoolers with plenty of time for the children to play and for the adults to chat. Please contact Laura with any questions at 215.390.0933 or laurajusko@yahoo.com.



Honor Flight Philadelphia, a local non-profit organization, is currently looking for veterans who would like to travel with us to Washington, DC for a day of honor and recognition, to view those memorials dedicated to their service and sacrifice to our great nation so that we can live in a free society. There is NO COST to the veteran. Our next Honor Flight trip is scheduled for June 10, 2017, departing from St. Kevin's in Springfield, PA. Transportation, breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided as well as memorabilia, a Heroes Welcome home and a USO style show. Although we can never repay you for your service, an Honor Flight trip is a small token of our appreciation for your service to our great country, our freedom. Please contact Cathy at: 610-613-3865 cdomizio23@gmail.com



Pray for Those Serving Our Country

Cmdr. Wendy Arnold, MD
1st Lt. Brian Davis
CM/Sgt. Charles Gordon
Sgt. William Ronan
Jeremy Somplasky
Midn. Zachary Sermarini

Sgt. Thomas Albany
1st Lt. Andrew Bone
Lt. Sean Feeney
Bryan Luther
Andrew Somplasky
Ryan Somplasky
Michael Thomas

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

Week Ending April 7, 2017

Regular Collection	\$ 31,168
Other Collections	\$ 690
Easter	\$ 1,542
Easter Flowers	\$ 902
Total	\$ 34,302
Diocesan Collections	\$ 1,751

Regular Sunday Collections Fiscal Year-to-Date**

July 1, 2016—April 7, 2017	\$ 1,095,189
July 1, 2015—April 7, 2016	\$ 1,066,732

YTD Tithing

2016-17	\$ 31,920
2015-16	\$ 10,504

**Regular Sunday collection figures now include YTD Tithing

BOOK NOW FOR THIS FUNDRAISER! WILL SELL OUT!

ST. ELEANOR PARISH PRESENTS: A TRIBUTE TO "THE JERSEY BOYS"

Take a journey back in time as this group performs show-stopping hits such as "Sherry," "Walk Like a Man," "Working My Way Back to You," and more!

Saturday, May 6, 2017 at Imperials Catering
40 East 1st Avenue, Trappe
\$45 per ticket – Adults only
Doors open at 7 p.m. – Dinner at 7:30 p.m.—
Showtime is 8:30 p.m.
BYOB

To Purchase Dinner Show Tickets visit:
[http://imperialscatering.com/
events/shows/ticket_sales](http://imperialscatering.com/events/shows/ticket_sales)
or call Lee at 610-570-6141.

Limited event seating. First come first served.



2017 Catholic Charities Appeal Update

Our parish response to the Catholic Charities Appeal this year is off to a solid start. Thank you to all of you who have taken the time to make your pledge or send in your donation. This is a vitally important and needed Appeal that allows us to participate in the Archdiocesan efforts to share the love of Jesus with countless numbers of people in need.

As of 04/21/17, our parish family has made **470 donations** (1st in the Archdiocese), with gifts totaling **\$92,699** (5th in the Archdiocese) which is 92% towards our parish goal of \$100,823. As you can see we are quickly closing in on the 2017 goal that was set by the Archdiocese. Since we will likely achieve that goal very soon, we would like to establish two additional stretch goals for this year. First, we would like to surpass last year's pledged amount which was \$115,987. Second, we would like to set an aspirational goal of \$130,000 (approximately 30% over our 2017 goal).

Please prayerfully consider your gift and participation in this beautiful work of Catholic Charities, *Giving Hope to All*. You may use the envelopes sent to your homes or pick up one at the Church entrances. You may also go online to donate at catholiccharitiesappeal.org. Each and every gift, large or small, has an impact and accomplishes so much good. May God bless all our efforts on behalf of those in need.



Gluten Free Hosts

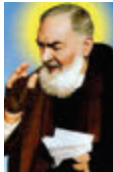
A reminder that gluten free hosts are available for anyone who has celiac disease or gluten tolerance issues. All you need to do is see someone in the sacristy before Mass and they will take care of your request.

WICS - The next meeting for the Women In Catholic Service will be on Tuesday, May 23rd. We will begin the evening with a 6:30 Mass in the Chapel. After Mass we will enjoy some fellowship in Vianney Hall with our covered-dish dinner at 7:30. We hope you can join us.



Save The Date - Yard Sale! The St. Eleanor WICS, Women In Catholic Service, will be hosting a yard sale in the St. Eleanor parking lot on Saturday morning, June 3rd from 8am-noon. Mark your calendar and look for more information to come soon.

The **St. Padre Pio Prayer Group** meeting and Mass for May will be on **May 20**. The prayer meeting and confessions will begin at 9:40 AM. Mass will begin at 10:30 AM and blessing with Padre Pio's relics will take place after Mass. The celebrant is Fr. Hamilton.



Mass for Healing Tuesday, May 16

We are continuing our monthly **Mass for Healing**. Our next one will be on **Tuesday, May 16**, at 7:00 PM. We warmly invite everyone to this Mass, family members, friends and neighbors.

Pilgrim Virgin Statue Call Kevin at 610-489-4412 to schedule a week to host the Pilgrim Virgin Statue. We will deliver/pick up the Statue for those who can't manage its size and weight.



Bulletin Deadlines

All info and announcements to be published in the bulletin need to be in the Parish Office by the Thursday that is ten days prior. Flyer inserts need to be in the Parish Office two weeks ahead of the desired bulletin date. Bulletin information and inserts should be e-mailed to jphillips@stleanor.com.



Special Denomination Gift Cards In Stock

AMC Theatres \$10 Rebate 8%
Barnes & Noble \$10 Rebate 9%
Regal Theaters \$10 Rebate 8%
Starbucks \$5 Rebate 7%



Join the Catholic Charities Appeal (CCA) for Catholic Charities Night with the Phillies, a night of family fun in support of the CCA!



Wednesday, June 14, 2017 7:05 PM
Citizens Bank Park
Tickets range from \$20 to \$38 and a portion of all proceeds will directly benefit the CCA. Tickets should be purchased at: www.phillies.com/catholiccharitiesnight
We hope to see you at the ballpark!

St. Eleanor CYO (Catholic Youth Organization) is open to **ALL** St. Eleanor parishioners. Therefore, if you are a St. Eleanor parishioner, and regardless of the grade school, middle school or high school your son or daughter attends, your child can participate in ANY and ALL CYO sports. CYO sports include; volleyball, field hockey, soccer, football, cross country, basketball, track & field, tennis, golf and lacrosse. For additional information please visit our web site at <http://cyo.stleanor.com/> or contact Jim DeBald at jdebald@yahoo.com.



St. Eleanor CYO in conjunction with Pope John Paul High School

will be holding JV Girls Volleyball Clinics on Sunday 30th & May 7th from 6:00-8:00 PM and Monday April 17th from 6:00-8:00 PM. ALL St. Eleanor Parishioners entering 5th and 6th grade in September 2017 are invited to participate. Any questions please contact Ryan Sell at 814-207-1189 or rsell01@gmail.com. Please note there is limited space so please act quickly if you are interested.

Varsity Head Coaching Opportunity: We are looking for a Girls Varsity Basketball Head Coach. Interested applicants should contact Jim DeBald (jdebald@yahoo.com) or Chris Phillips christophermphilips@yahoo.com.

CYO will be holding GIRLS JV and Varsity Basketball Clinics. All St. Eleanor Parishioners are welcomed and invited to come and work on basketball fundamentals. The rising 7th & 8th grade clinics will be held on Wed., May 31 and Wed., June 7 from 6:00 to 8 PM. The rising 5th & 6th grade clinics will be held on Thursday, June 1 and Thursday, June 8 from 6 to 8 PM. There is no charge for this clinic, but we would like to have an idea of the number of girls attending. Therefore, if your daughter wishes to attend, or if you have any questions, please email SECYOCLINIC@gmail.com. Additional information can also be found on the St. Eleanor CYO web site <http://cyo.stleanor.com/>.

CYO Summer Sports Registration: Opens Sunday April 23rd and runs through Sunday, May 7th. All parish children who are going into grades 5th, 6th, 7th or 8th grades next school year are invited to participate in the following sports: **BASKETBALL** Boys and Girls JV (5th-6th) & Varsity (7th-8th) -1-2 games per week, mid-June thru July, Tri-County League; **VOLLEYBALL** Girls Varsity (7th-8th) - 1 match per week, mid-June thru July, 422 Sportsplex; PLEASE NOTE THAT REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE ONLY ON-LINE at <http://cyo.stleanor.com/>

SAVE THE DATE: CYO Varsity Sports Banquet will be held on Sunday, June 4th from 4:00 pm - 8 pm. More details to follow.

CYO DANCES: CYO sponsors monthly dances throughout the school year. Individual Dance Pass are available for Purchase: Cost \$7- per dance. Please visit our web-site for more information and to purchase dance passes: <http://cyo.stleanor.com/>. **Current 5th Graders are Invited to attend this dance.** We will continue to do a food collection at each dance. Each child is asked to bring at least one canned good which will be donated to the St. Eleanor Food Bank. Thank you in advance for your help with the worthy cause. The Last Dance of the 2016-2017 school year will be held in Saturday, May 13th. Contact Dan Cordrey with any questions at myah22700@comcast.net.

Has your email address changed? If so, please visit our web-site and update your profile so we can keep you informed: <http://cyo.stleanor.com/>.

United Way is an important source of funding for our program. Please consider us when you are completing your donor card. Our number is 08018. Thank you!

Remember to Like Us On Facebook!



Knock Knock!

Parishioner visits by members of our Legion of Mary are ongoing. It is their aim to systematically visit all members of the parish. Please welcome them if they visit your neighborhood!



Legion of Mary

Legion of Mary members continue to visit registered families in our parish. During the months of October, 2016 through January, 2017, legionaries made 832 calls. Each contact is presented with a packet that contains a letter from Msgr. McCulken conveying his vision for the parish and his invitation for all to participate in parish life. Visitors also emphasize Monsignor's interest in all his parishioners and in their spiritual welfare. The Legion of Mary answers the Church's call to evangelization and through its emphasis on apostolic works, it is naturally directed to the Spiritual Works of Mercy. If you are interested in enriching your spiritual life, as well as taking positive action in carrying out the Spiritual Works of Mercy, the Legion of Mary may be for you. Legion meetings are held on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm in Kateri Hall. Visitors are always welcome! Please call Ray Hritz for more information (610-489-4167).

In honor of the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady's apparition at Fatima, a public square rosary will be held on Saturday, May 20th at 12 noon. The gathering will be held in Collegeville at the corner of Rt. 29 and Main Street (across from McDonald's). Subsequent rosaries will be conducted on the second Saturday of each month, June through October. For more information, call Ray Hritz at 610-489-4167.



FLOWER POWER

The Gardening Angels are in need of some volunteers to help with watering during the summer. If you are willing to assist with this occasional task please call Rachel Holdsworth at 610-409-9408. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Saint Vincent de Paul Vehicle Needed

One of our clients is in need of a car to get to work. If you would like to donate a car to a needy family please contact Kathy Zavrotny at (610) 489-3911. Thank you.



Golfers and non-golfers—The Valley Forge Chapter, Knights of Columbus, is holding its 9th Annual Pro-Life Golf Tournament on Friday, May 5, at Twin Ponds Golf Course, Gilbertsville. The event includes breakfast, lunch, banquet dinner, golf and individual/team skill prizes. Cost per golfer is \$100. Dinner only tickets available for \$35/person. Sponsorships are welcomed. Contact Gary Huster at 610-972-0356 (the bighue@aol.com) or Mark Nunan at 610-754-7185 (marknunan@dejazzd.com). All proceeds benefit local crisis pregnancy centers.



Archdiocese of Philadelphia
Office of the Archbishop



April 30, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon our diocese will be taking up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal, and I ask that you prayerfully consider participating. This appeal supports the dioceses here in our own country that struggle to make ends meet and to serve all of the needs of their parishioners. It is through your generosity that many churches are able to keep their doors open and provide essential pastoral services.

The Diocese of Laredo is located in southern Texas, along the Texas-Mexico border. Many in this diocese live on the margins of society, either as immigrants or as people living in poverty, and it is a challenge for the diocese to keep up with the needs of its people. With your contributions to the Home Missions Appeal, the diocese reaches out to some of the most marginalized people—those in prison. Many detainees are returning to the Catholic faith and are in need of God's mercy. Your gifts provide liturgical and educational supplies, help priests offer the Eucharist and other sacraments, and support volunteers' and ministers' outreach to over 10,000 men and women in detention facilities. Your generosity brings Christ's message of love, compassion, and reconciliation to this often forgotten population.

Your support of this appeal makes a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters right here in the United States. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the appeal this year. Thank you for strengthening the Church at home.

Gratefully and with best wishes in Jesus Christ,
*Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.
Archbishop of Philadelphia



ST. ELEANOR PARISH PAPER RECYCLING FUNDRAISER

**We earn money when you recycle paper
in the paper retriever bin!**

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Mother & (Adult) Daughter Retreat May 12 – 14 (Mother's Day Weekend) Marianist Family Retreat Center Cape May Point, NJ 08212
Knowing that your relationship is special, and the need to nurture it throughout the years, this is a wonderful opportunity to walk upon common ground while celebrating your differences. Eucharist, small group sharing, prayer experiences, socials and fun are included - beach walks too! Cost: \$135 per person. Sign up online at www.capemaymarianists.org or call 609-884-3829 for more information.



Wedding Anniversary Mass Are you celebrating a special anniversary this year? The Annual Archdiocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will take place on Saturday, May 6, 2017 at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter and Paul at the 5:15 pm Vigil Mass with Archbishop Charles Chaput, presiding. This mass is to pray for and with all married couples who are newlyweds, or who have been married 25 years or more, or 50 years or more. Friends and family are welcome and encouraged to attend. **Registration required!** To register visit: www.phillycatholiclife.org or call: 215-587-0500



Join the Catholic Family Fun Club (CFFC) in the Archdiocese Every day local Catholics view the crowd-sourced events calendar at the Catholic Family Fun Club over 100 times. Join the CFFC to discover fun movie nights and other events—and even create your own playdates, craft nights, or other activities. Meet others of all ages in this group created by families, for families, to have fun and friends. <https://www.meetup.com/Catholic-Family-Fun-Club>.



Tradition Conference In 1992, St. John Paul II approved the Catechism of the Catholic Church. To celebrate the 25th anniversary of its promulgation, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will sponsor a conference on Monday, June 19, entitled, Tradition, A Celebration of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. This day features national speakers who will focus on the four pillars of the Catechism and will be held at the Sheraton Philadelphia Downtown Hotel. All of the faithful are invited to attend. Please note, that headsets for translation will be provided for those who wish to listen to the talks in Spanish. More info & registration: <http://phillyocf.org/>.



Mount Saint Joseph Academy invites 7th grade girls to experience life at the Mount. Join us for a morning visit. Half day visitations will continue through May 23rd. A parent may go online to arrange a visit. Visit our website at www.msjacad.org for more information.



This year Living Bridges will be having their annual **Camp Guadalupe** at St. Francis of Assisi, June 26-30 and at Malvern Retreat House July 17-21 (9:30 AM to 2:15 PM each day.) All children ages 4-12 are invited to join this week-long celebration of Catholic Faith, art, music, and rich cultural traditions. The theme for this year is "be the Light." Contact Living Bridges at 610-525-4770 for registration forms, Email -staff@livingbridges.org.



Unbound Ministry Team Training For those who want to be trained to pray with others using Unbound Dates: Thursday, May 11, 7:30pm-9:30pm and Friday, May 12, 9:00am- 12:00pm. More info: (Training participants will have an opportunity to practice what they learned by serving on prayer teams during the Friday/Saturday Conference - see below). Location: St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, 100 E. Wynnewood Road, Wynnewood. Pre-requisites and registration information: <http://www.heartofthefather.com/events/schedule/>

Unbound: Freedom in Christ Conference For everyone! Attend this for your own personal experience of Unbound and see how it helps unburden hearts through the power of the Gospel. It's the perfect introduction to the Unbound ministry. Dates: Friday, May 12, 6:30-9:30pm and Saturday, May 13, 8:30am-8:00pm. Location: St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, 100 E. Wynnewood Rd., Wynnewood. For more information & registration: <http://www.heartofthefather.com/events/schedule/>

Join hundreds of single Catholics of all ages at the **National Catholic Singles Conference**, May 19th-21st, 2017 held at the DoubleTree Pittsburgh-Green Tree in Pittsburgh, PA. The weekend includes talks by dynamic speakers, music, social events, prayer, food, fellowship and more! Space is limited so register now! For more information and to register visit www.NationalCatholicSingles.com. Use promo code NCSCPA to receive a special discount. (Can't find your question answered on the website? Call 888.267.8885 x4.)



Mothers of Children with Disabilities Retreat Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at Malvern Retreat House, Sr. Sheila Galligan, IHM will direct a retreat for mothers and grandmothers who are raising children with disabilities and also those who have adult children with disabilities. Fr. Jim Olson will be the celebrant for Mass. There will be time to pray, reflect, and chat with other mothers. To register on line go to <http://www.opdarchphilly.com>. For more information please contact Malvern Retreat House at 610-644-0400 or the Office for Persons with Disabilities at 215-587-3530.



There is strength to be gathered, rewards to be enjoyed, graces to be won, it's all possible on retreat. Think about it. **Retreat weekend** is June 2,3,4 at St. Joseph's-in-the-Hills, Malvern, Pa. For more information please visit our web site at www.malvernretreat.com or call parishoner Mark Pinto @ 610-792-1679.



Come, join many priests and religious for a play-and-pray experience you will never forget! **Camp Veritas** is a sleep-away summer camp and pilgrimage for teens 12-18. Enjoy swimming, dodgeball, talent show, soccer, and much more! Over 3,500 teens have already been inspired and formed in the Catholic Faith at Camp Veritas. 2017 dates: 6/26-7/1 Maynooth University, Ireland; 7/16-22 Mt. St. Mary College, Newburgh, NY; 7/23-29 Summit Lake Camp, Emmitsburg, MD; 8/13-19 Camp Lakota, Wurtsboro, NY (waitlisted). Camp rates \$400-\$450/week. Volunteers 18+ are welcome, needed and free. See www.campveritas.com for enrollment forms and more.



Spring-Ford Chamber of Commerce Annual **Bingo Bash** Friday, May 5, 2017. 6:00 pm – Doors Open, 7:00pm – Bingo Starts, \$25.00 per tickets Tickets available at the door or by contacting the Spring-Ford Chamber 610-489-7200. This event supports the Spring-Ford Chamber Education Fund which provides **scholarship opportunities** for college bound seniors from the Spring-Ford High School, Pope John Paul II High School and the Western Montgomery Career and Technology Center. For more information www.springfordchamber.com



The Shroud of Turin replica and talk is coming to St. Mary of the Assumption, Phoenixville, on Tuesday, May 2, 7:00 PM. Considered one of the greatest mysteries of our time, the Shroud of Turin continues to amaze and baffle scientists, doctors, historians, artists and theologians. Scientists cannot explain the source of the image which contains photographic and 3-D properties on a cloth centuries old. But is this the actual burial cloth of Jesus Christ? Bill Wingard, a speaker for the Shroud, will present the case for authenticity, and you can be the judge. Come see a full size replica of the Shroud and the photographic negative images that sparked an explosion of scientific interest and debate over a century ago which continues to today. For more information call 610-933-2526. Entrance is free but donations are encouraged.



An Evening with Michelangelo on Thursday, May 11 in the Eakins Room at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. 6:30 PM Champagne Reception, 7:15 PM Lecture. Elizabeth Lev, PhD, Lecturer. Please RSVP by May 4 at frmrock.oll@verizon.net. For questions call 215-473-1669.



The Reading/Berks **March for Life** is scheduled for Sunday, April 30 beginning with a rally at 2 P.M. at Berks Catholic High School in Shillington. Come join us as we witness in the public square to the Unalienable Right to Life of our unborn brothers and sisters in the womb who have no other voice but ours to defend them. Participants are asked to bring one baby item which will be donated to a local crisis pregnancy center. For carpool information from Collegeville, contact Chris Wentzel at 610-409-0179.



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